

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 13, between lines 11-21 of the specification with the following:

Additionally, in some embodiments of the present invention, digital cable set-top box 150 may optionally include a telephone interface circuitry (e.g., a modem) that allows digital cable set-top box 150 to be coupled to the public switched telephone network (PSTN). In such embodiments, digital cable set-top box 150 may ~~send~~ and receive commands and data that are required in order for digital cable set-top box 150 and/or POD module 155 to operate properly. In one embodiment, the cable service provider transmits the required commands and data to digital cable set-top box 150 by dialing the cable subscriber's telephone number and downloading the commands and data to digital cable set-top box 150.